

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Kosovo
<b>Program Title:</b>	Social stabilization through special initiatives
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	167-0410
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$2,323,000 AEEB
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$301,000 AEEB
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$800,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	1999
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2008

**Summary:** This objective supports activities that are vitally important to the development of Kosovo, but fall outside USAID's core objectives. These activities address U.S. Government and Kosovo-specific priorities such as anti-trafficking, key health issues, and initiatives in energy. The activities are often limited in scope and implemented as part of a larger donor effort.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$500,000 AEEB, \$111,000 AEEB carryover). A follow-up program is being designed with lessons learned from the initial program with International Organization for Migration (IOM). In mid-2005, USAID will initiate a new three-year \$800,000 anti-trafficking program with a strong emphasis on partnerships with local entities. The program will focus on: 1) improving the quality of current support services for victims and women at risk of being trafficked; 2) locally led campaigns that use multiple forms of media; and 3) increased community involvement. This program will expand and strengthen a local partnership of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civic institutions to monitor progress of the response to trafficking over the longer-term. Implementer: To be determined (TBD).

Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (Energy) (\$1,213,000 AEEB). FY 2005 is characterized by several new developments in the energy sector; transfer of additional competences from the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) to the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG), and formation of both the Ministry of Energy and Mining and the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO). USAID plans to continue with its institutional strengthening efforts by providing full time national staff to the Kosovo Electric Company's (KEK) recently established Turn Around Management team in fully implementing and utilizing the USAID-funded billing and collection system (CCP) and periodic consultancies to assist with the expansion of the CCP within KEK. USAID will continue to support the ERO with the drafting of secondary legislation (the legislative framework for the energy sector) and provide advice to Ministerial and Assembly officials as they set policy in compliance with regional energy treaties. The potential for a Global Development Alliance (GDA) partnership to revitalize KEK will be explored. USAID will continue to work with the PISG, World Bank, the European Agency for Reconstruction and UNMIK/Pillar IV (economic restructuring) in a coordinated effort to attract foreign direct investment to the sector, with a specific goal of attracting international investment to build a new power plant. Contractors: Chemonics, Pierce Atwood (primes).

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$500,000 AEEB). Kosovo has one of the highest infant mortality rates in Europe, two to three times higher than in the neighboring regions. The most recent estimate, 35/1,000 live births (United Nations Development Program Human Development Report 2004), demonstrates a lack of improvement over the past ten years despite the significant rise in percentage of attended births (up to 95%, United Nations Population Fund). Some estimates reveal that almost half of infant deaths are neonatal deaths (0-27days). USAID plans to initiate a new activity in collaboration with the Ministry of Health that will address the need to further assess the quality of regional maternal and infant care for strategic planning purposes and increase the low level of health and nutrition awareness in communities.

Implementer: TBD.

Build Health Systems Capacity (\$110,000 AEEB, \$190,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will continue to support the initiative for inclusion of mentally disabled in Kosovo that targets decision-makers and the community, and will lead to an increased integration of people with mental disabilities in public life and the community. This activity entails a close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare in setting up the policies that will affect the changes in the status of mentally disabled and their families. Grantee: Mental Disability Rights International (prime).

**FY 2006 Program:** Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$200,000 AEEB). With this funding USAID will continue to support the new three-year anti-trafficking grant partnership program. During FY 2006 we anticipate a series of locally led awareness campaigns over an extended period of time and at least two pilot community anti-trafficking initiatives. Implementer: TBD.

Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (Energy) (\$600,000 AEEB). USAID engagement will become more specifically focused on strengthening the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) to promote an attractive, secure investment climate in a highly competitive region. By year two of ERO's existence, residents of Kosovo will make up the entire staff and will submit advisory requests as needed. The capacity building needs of the ERO's staff will be met by periodic training provided by USAID advisors. A smaller assistance component will be short-term advice on increasing billing/collections. Contractors: Chemonics, Pierce Atwood (primes).

**Performance and Results:** Anti-trafficking: To date, four trafficking focal points have been established in the PISG ministries constituting the Inter-Ministerial Commission to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, which is the primary force in the implementation of the Kosovo Action Plan to address the long-term the issues of trafficking. The plan establishes a number of actions in the areas of prevention, protection, and prosecution including the establishment of a single legal and regulatory framework for counter trafficking. As result of USAID-funded efforts, IOM has established a referral system comprised of NGOs and government officers for cases of trafficked women and children from Kosovo. Since the beginning of the program 41 trafficked persons from Kosovo have been assisted by IOM, 59% of them being minors.

Health: This year marks the successful completion of the five-year National Tuberculosis (TB) Program (NTP) Action Plan (1999-2004) supported by USAID, a result of which is that the treatment success rate now exceeds WHO targets of 85%. One Learning Resource Center was established in the targeted Family Medicine Center as result of a USAID-sponsored health partnership. A new HIV/AIDS activity started in September 2004 and has already established a technical working group of Kosovo partners to ensure consensus around surveillance priorities and using the Behavioral and Biological Surveillance System to measure key behaviors and HIV prevalence among high-risk groups.

Energy: The new turn around management team from ESBI (ESB International) was contracted in July to run KEK. Billing rates have dramatically improved since 2002, from 55% to 70% of distributed energy, though collection rates continue to lag. Both collection and billing rates have reached plateaus due to legislative and technical gaps, which are gradually being filled through ongoing assistance. The power supply has improved in comparison with the last year. The recent data from KEK shows that the percentage of total time without power supply in FY 2004 was 9.70% compared with 19.31% for FY 2003, but collection rates continue to be low at 42%.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

**Kosovo**

167-0410 Social stabilization through special initiatives	<b>AEEB</b>	<b>CSH</b>	<b>ESF</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>			
Obligations	18,620	131	1,756
Expenditures	17,208	130	1,728
Unliquidated	1,412	1	28
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>			
Obligations	1,715	0	0
Expenditures	2,313	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>			
Obligations	20,335	131	1,756
Expenditures	19,521	130	1,728
Unliquidated	814	1	28
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>			
Obligations	301	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>			
Obligations	2,323	0	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>			
Obligations	2,624	0	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>			
Obligations	800	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	23,759	131	1,756